# Climate Change, Sustainability, and

## **Reducing Impact to the Environment**

Mt. Hood National Forest is providing the following information to its employees in order to increase our employees' basic literacy on climate change, sustainability, and reducing one's impact to the environment. Interested members of the public are also invited to peruse the information provided by the various web sites to which this web page is linked.\* Mt. Hood National Forest thanks the various governmental and private entities for providing this information on the internet.

The following information provides some information specific to residents of the east side of the Cascades and specific to residents of the west side. However, much of the information is relevant to all.

Visit the **Tri County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program** for Wasco, Sherman, and Hood River Counties to learn how to compost, recycle electronics, or how to become a Master Recycler. A wealth of other information is also provided on this web site.

Here's the link:

#### www.tricountyrecycle.com

To gain some practical tips, view a copy of "Wasco County Rural Living Handbook, A Resource for Country Living and Land Stewardship" prepared by **Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District**. Navigate to: <a href="https://www.wasco.oacd.org/linked/wasco\_rlh.pdf">www.wasco.oacd.org/linked/wasco\_rlh.pdf</a>

Check out your Eco-Footprint by using **Sustainable Clackamas County's** Self Assessment. Recycle locations, a link to "Clean Energy Works Oregon", "Trash Talk", and more are all provided at: <a href="https://www.clackamas.us/sustainability">www.clackamas.us/sustainability</a>

Click on **Metro's** <u>www.oregonmetro.gov</u> to find information on garbage/recycling, sustainable living. You can also learn how to clean your home by less toxic ways.

Does the **Northern Wasco County People's Utility District** provide you electric power? Learn how you can use more "Green Power", also known as "Pure Power" by following this link to the PUD: <a href="http://www.nwasco.com/green-power-program.cfm">http://www.nwasco.com/green-power-program.cfm</a>

Read about the "Top Ten Things You Can Do" among other possible personal actions listed on the **University of Portland's** "Climate Change and Sustainability" web page at: http://orgs.up.edu/climatechange/index.php?q=node/31

Learn how the Forest Service is incorporating more sustainable practices in its operations by going to the **Forest Service's "Sustainable Operations"** web page at: http://www.fs.fed.us/sustainableoperations/whats-new.shtml

#### For Further reading:

From Environment Magazine, an article entitled "The Short List: The Most Effective Actions U.S. Households Can Take to Curb Climate Change is available through this link: <a href="http://www.environmentmagazine.org/Archives/Back%20Issues/September-October%202008/gardner-stern-full.html">http://www.environmentmagazine.org/Archives/Back%20Issues/September-October%202008/gardner-stern-full.html</a>

From the trade association known as National Association for PET Container Resources, information about a recyclable plastic and other information are provided at: <a href="https://www.napcor.com">www.napcor.com</a>

The Following is a list of Recycling Centers in the Vicinity of Mt. Hood National Forest Offices.

#### 1. Mt Hood Headquarters

- MVS Recycling: 31632 SE Dodge Park Blvd, Gresham, OR 9708, Phone: 503-663-9069, Dist: 5.3 mi
  - Paper, cardboard, metals, plastic, glass bottles and jars. \*Contact City of Gresham (503-618-2203) to find out how to dispose of fluorescent bulbs/tubes properly\*.

#### 2. Barlow Ranger District

780 NE Court St, Dufur, OR 97021, Phone: 541-467-2291

- **Hood River Recycling & Transfer:** 3440 Guignard Dr, Hood River, OR 97031, Phone: 541-386-2273, Dist: 25 mi
- Dalles Disposal: 1317 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, The Dalles, OR, Phone: 541-2998-5149, Dist: 11 mi

### 3. Hood River Ranger District

6780 Hwy 35, Parkdale, OR 97041, Phone: 541-352-6002

- **Hood River Recycling & Transfer:** 3440 Guignard Dr, Hood River, OR 97031, Phone: 541-386-2273, Dist: 16.8 mi
- Dalles Disposal: 1317 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, The Dalles, OR, Phone: 541-2998-5149, Dist: 19.2 mis

#### 4. Clackamas River Ranger District

595 NW Industrial Way, Estacada, OR 97023, Phone: 503-630-6861

- **Metro Transfer Station – South:** 2001 Washington St, Oregon City, OR, 97045, Phone: 503-234-3000, Dist: 13 mi

Paper, plastic, compost, etc.

- **KB Recycling Inc:** 9602 SE Clackamas Road, Clackamas, OR, Phone: 503-659-7004, Dist: 17 mi

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### 5. Zigzag Ranger District

70220 E Hwy 26, Rhododendron, OR, Phone: 503-622-4900

- **Troutdale Transfer Station:** 869 NW Eastwind Dr, Troutdale, OR, Phone: 503-667-5864, Dist: 27 mi
  - o Paper, cardboard, metal, plastic, glass
- **Environmentally Conscious Recycling:** 12409 NE San Rafael St, Portland, OR 97294, Phone: 503-253-0867, Dist: 32 mi
  - Demo/Constr, carpet, furniture, glass, office equip/computers, paper, plastic, scrap metal

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